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Applicant bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

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3,819,106	Schuster	6/25/74
4,186,786	Union Carbide Corporation (Kirkpatrick)	2/5/80
4,516,268	Union Carbide Corporation (Kamp)	5/7/85
4,903,841	Kabushiki Kaisha Hosokawa Yoko (Ohsima et al.)	2/27/90
4,909,017	Minigrip, Inc. (McMahon et al.)	3/20/90
5,141,795	Asahi Chemical Polyflex Ltd. (Kai et al)	8/25/92
5,186,543	Illinois Tool Works Inc. (Cochran)	2/16/93
5,561,966	KCL Corporation (English)	10/8/96
5,669,715	Tenneco Packaging (Dobreski et al)	9/23/97
5,722,128	Dow Brands, Inc. (Toney et al.)	3/3/98
5,878,549	American National Can Company (Littmann et al.)	3/9/99
5,938,337	Tenneco Packaging, Inc. (Provan et al.)	8/17/99
5,985,384	Daiwa Gravure Co., Ltd. (Shibata)	11/16/99
6,000,197	Illinois Tool Works, Inc. (Ausnit)	12/14/99
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6,287,001 B1	Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. (Buchman)	9/11/01
6,290,390 B1	Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. (Buchman)	9/18/01
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6,293,896 B1	Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. (Buchman)	9/25/01
6,347,885 B1	Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. (Buchman)	2/19/02
6,378,177 B1	Pactiv Corporation (Athans et al.)	4/30/02
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2001/0076122 A1	Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. (Buchman)	6/20/02

Foreign Application(s) and Patent(s)

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Applicant or Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
55-89068	Union Carbide Corp. (Kamp)	7/5/80	Japan
61-259959	--	11/18/86	Japan
01-226556	Nippon Tokkyo Kanri KK (Inagaki)	9/11/89	Japan
EP 0 443 867 A1	Oscar Mayer Foods Corp. (Marnocha)	8/28/91	EPO
04-173510	Nippon Tokkyo Kanri KK (Inagaki)	6/22/92	Japan
4-215954	Oscar Mayer Foods Corp. (Marnocha)	8/6/92	Japan
5-91909	Mobil Oil Corporation	4/16/93	Japan
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10-501714	--	2/17/98	Japan
10-503672	--	4/7/98	Japan
10-147352	--	6/2/98	Japan
10-203539	Idemitsu Petrochem Co. (Shuichi et al.)	8/4/98	Japan
11-20051	--	1/26/99	Japan
11-157553	Sanwa Kogyo (Seiichi)	6/15/99	Japan
11-314648	--	11/16/99	Japan

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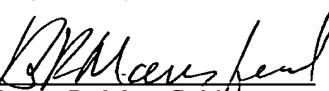
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Kinigakis et al. (67354)	10/174,614	6/19/02	N/A	N/A
Kocher et al. (67406)	10/155,401	5/23/02	N/A	N/A

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner accept and consider the above documents and make them of record in the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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